Per capita income

266. DR. CHHATTARPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita income in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that existing per capita income is lower from the development point of view of the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps, Government are going to take for increasing per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The per capita income in the country at current prices during 2004-05 is Rs. 23,241.

(b) As per the World Development Indicators 2005 brought out by the world Bank, India's per capita gross national income is US $540 for the year 2003 as against the world average per capita gross national income of US $5510 and US $440 for the low income countries. India ranks 159 among the 208 countries considered in this report.

(c) The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan has suggested a number of measures to raise the level of per capita income in the country by achieving over 7 per cent growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the remaining years of the Tenth Plan. Some of these include, raising public investment in different sectors particularly in agriculture, infrastructure, *viz.*, power and roads, greater focus on health and education, improving allocative efficiency of resources, enacting policy reforms with a view to creating an investor friendly environment, improving governance and enhancing the efficiency of delivery systems, etc. The details of the measures suggested are listed in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), which has been placed in the Parliament Library.

Law to regulate brokers in land and housing transactions

267. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether currently there is no law to oversee the activities of brokers involved in land and housing transactions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that the brokers demand hefty commissions from both vendors and buyers/house owners and tenants for their services and, this being unaccounted money, the brokers pay no tax on such commissions;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether Government propose to bring in a legislation, whereby only licensed brokers are permitted to broker land and housing transactions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Ministry of Urban Development has not framed any law to oversee the activities of brokers involved in land and housing transactions.

(b), (d) and (f) Do not arise.

(c) Government has no specific information in this regard.

(e) No, Sir.

Overhaul of system of registration of Cooperative Housing Societies

268. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether following revelation of the recent enormous cooperative land scam, involving Group Housing Societies in Delhi, Government have taken steps to overhaul Registrar Cooperative Societies system;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the long term and short term objectives of such reforms; and

(c) the steps since taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The subject "cooperative societies" comes under the administrative control of Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS), Govt. of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD). The GNCTD has informed that they